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1. (C) PUBLIC, PRESS AND OFFICIAL REACTION TO DATE TO VENEZUELAN COUP ATTEMPT HAS BEEN OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ, AND CONDEMNATION OF BOTH ACTIONS AND INTENTIONS OF COUP SPONSORS. AFTER AMBASSADOR GAVE TEXT OF U.S. STATEMENT TO UNDER SECRETARY GONZALEZ GALVEZ IN THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 4, LATTER TOLD HIM THAT PRESIDENT GAVIRIA HAD AWOKEN PRESIDENT SALINAS WITH THE COUP NEWS AT ABOUT 2 A.M. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS (REPRESENTING TWO-THIRDS OF THE "GROUP OF THREE") HAD BEEN IN TOUCH THE REMAINDER OF THE NIGHT COMPARING NOTES, AND BOTH FOREIGN SECRETARY

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SOLANA AND HE (GONZALEZ GALVEZ) HAD WORKED TIL DAWN ON A STRONG JOINT PRESS STATEMENTS (TEXT BELOW).

2. (C) THUS WE FIND IT SURPRISING TO LEARN FROM SUMMARY OF REFTEL REPORTING FEB. 4 OAS DEBATE THAT THE "MEXICAN STATEMENT WAS NOTICEABLY WEAK." SUMMARY OF MEXICAN STATEMENT (PARA 38 OF REFTEL) DOES NOT EXPLAIN THIS OBSERVATION, AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE USOAS AMPLIFICATION ON THE IMPRESSION THAT ALTREP PEDRAJA CREATED.

3. (U) INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF JOINT PRESS BULLETIN ISSUED FROM THE MEXICAN PRESIDENCY IN MORNING OF FEBRUARY 4 FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE: THE PRESIDENTS OF MEXICO CARLOS SALINAS DE GORTARI AND COLOMBIA CESAR GAVIRIA TRUJILLO MAKE KNOWN THEIR DEEP CONCERN ABOUT THE NEWS OF AN ATTEMPT TO SUBVERT DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA.

IN EXPRESSING THEIR COMPLETE SOLIDARITY WITH THE
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LEGITIMATELY ELECTED PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ, SYMBOL OF POPULAR WILL EXPRESSED AT THE POLLS, THEY URGE WITH THE GREATEST RESPECT TO THE ACTIVE ELEMENTS OF THE NOBLE VENEZUELAN PEOPLE, BOTH CIVIL AND MILITARY, TO GIVE THEIR MOST VIGOROUS SUPPORT TO LEGALITY, AND WITH IT TO PRESERVE ONE OF AMERICA'S GENUINE DEMOCRACIES.

BOTH PRESIDENTS EXPRESS THEIR WISH TO SEE CONSITUTIONAL CONTINUITY MAINTAINED, SO AS TO GUARANTEE THE DOMINION OF DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES. END QUOTE.

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